

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

CHARTER

National Satellite Land Remote Sensing Data Archive Advisory Committee

1. Official Designation: National Satellite Land Remote Sensing Data Archive (NSLRSDA) Advisory Committee (hereafter referred to as the Committee).
2. Purpose, Objectives, Goal, Responsibilities: The Committee's purpose is to advise the United States Government in maintaining an archive of land remote sensing data for historical, scientific, and technical purposes, including long-term global environmental monitoring; controlling the content and scope of the archive; and assuring the quality, integrity, and continuity of the archive. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Earth Resources Observation Systems (EROS) Data Center (EDC), is the designated site for the NSLRSDA (also known as The National Imagery Archive @ USGS EDC).

The primary objectives of the Committee are to:

- a. Assist in defining and accomplishing the NSLRSDA's archiving and access goals to carry out the requirements of the Land Remote Sensing Policy Act;
 - b. Advise the USGS/EDC on priorities of the NSLRSDA's tasks; and,
 - c. Provide interdisciplinary guidance and serve as a resource to USGS/EDC on issues of archiving, data management, science, policy, and public-private partnerships.
3. Period of Time Necessary for the Committee's Activities: The Committee will exist as long as the U.S. Department of the Interior is required by law to maintain the NSLRSDA and as long as it is renewed by the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary).
 4. Official to Whom the Board Reports: The Committee reports to the Secretary.
 5. Support Services: Staff and contractors of the USGS EDC will provide support services for the activities of the Committee.

6. Duties of the Committee: The duties of the Committee are solely advisory as set forth in Section 2. Topics and issues upon which the Committee provides advice and guidance include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Determining the content of global spatial completeness and upgrading the basic data set as identified by the Congress.
 - b. Interactions with ground receiving stations having data relevant to NSLRSDA.
 - c. Archiving, data access, and distribution policies, as they relate to public domain and commercial data that could benefit NSLRSDA.
7. Estimated Operating Costs: Annual Federal operating costs for the Committee are estimated at \$50,000, which includes 0.25 work years of staff support.
8. Termination Date: The Committee will terminate 2 years from the date this Charter is filed, unless prior to that date it is renewed by the Secretary in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix.
9. Membership: In consideration of the responsibilities of the NSLRSDA, the Committee initially will be composed of 15 members to represent NSLRDSA users as follows:
 - a. Two members representing the interests of academia: A laboratory researcher-data user and a classroom educator-data user.
 - b. Four members from government: Two Federal data users and two State/local data users.
 - c. Four members representing the interests of industry: Two licensed data providers; one value-added industry provider, and one commercial industry provider,
 - d. Five others: Five individuals from any sector to represent a specified interest, which may include the public at-large.

Members will serve 2-year terms renewable by the same procedure used to select Committee members. Committee members are selected by the Secretary with the advice of the Director of the USGS and NSLRSDA Manager at USGS EDC. The Secretary will be responsible for accepting/not accepting Committee to represent additional interests, nominations. In accordance with this procedure, additional members may be appointed to the Committee as need may arise for additional representation of specific categories of users of the data. In order to maintain the interdisciplinary nature of the Advisory Committee and to provide a balanced leadership, there will be two co-chairs. The Committee will select both co-chairs.

10. Ethics Responsibility: A member may not participate in matters that will directly affect,

or appear to affect, the financial interests of the member or the member's spouse or minor children, unless authorized by the DFO. Compensation from employment does not constitute a financial interest of the member so long as the matter before the committee will not have a special or distinct effect on the member or the member's employer, other than as part of a class. The provisions of this paragraph do not affect any other statutory or regulatory ethical obligations to which a member may be subject.

11. Meeting and Interface Mechanisms: The NSLRSDA Manager will schedule meetings of the Committee. One to two meetings per year are anticipated. The NSLRSDA Manager will be responsible for bringing to the attention of the Committee co-chairs topics and issues related to NSLRSDA that require Committee attention. The NSLRSDA Manager will also be responsible for providing the mechanism that the Committee communicates advice and guidance to the appropriate and responsible USGS EDC organizations. The Committee co-chairs will be responsible for keeping the Committee members informed on the full spectrum of NSLRSDA development activities and for communicating with the Committee and the NSLRSDA Manager on all relevant topics and issues, including Committee activities, recommendations, and actions taken on those recommendations. The Committee will prepare formal activity and status reports to the Secretary, USGS, and USGS EDC management, as appropriate, including a summary report upon completion of the 2-year charter period.
12. Member Compensation: Federal employee members of the Committee will receive no additional compensation by virtue of membership. Statutory travel and per diem expenses will be provided. Non-Federal employee members of the Committee shall serve without compensation as such; however, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Committee, members of the Committee shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in government service are allowed travel expenses under Section 5703 of Title 5 of the United States Code.
13. Subcommittees: The Committee may establish ad hoc or standing subcommittees, as it deems necessary, to meet its objectives and responsibilities. Subcommittees will report to the full Committee.
14. Designated Federal Officer: The USGS Archivist, EROS Data Center, or his/her designee will serve as the Designated Federal Officer, as required by Section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

15. Authority: The NSLRSDA is authorized pursuant to the Land Remote Sensing Policy Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-555), 15 U.S.C. 5601. The NSLRSDA is name-specified in U.S. remote sensing, commercial, national security, and space policies (National Space Policy, National Science and Technology Council, September 19, 1996; Presidential Decision Directive/NSTC-3, Landsat Remote Sensing Strategy, May 10, 1994; Release of Imagery Acquired by Space-Based National Intelligence Reconnaissance Systems, Executive Order 12951, February 22, 1995; Foreign Access to Remote Sensing Space Capabilities, White House Fact Sheet, March 10, 1994.)

(Signed) Gale A. Norton

Secretary of the Interior

May 19, 2004

Date Signed

September 1, 2004

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